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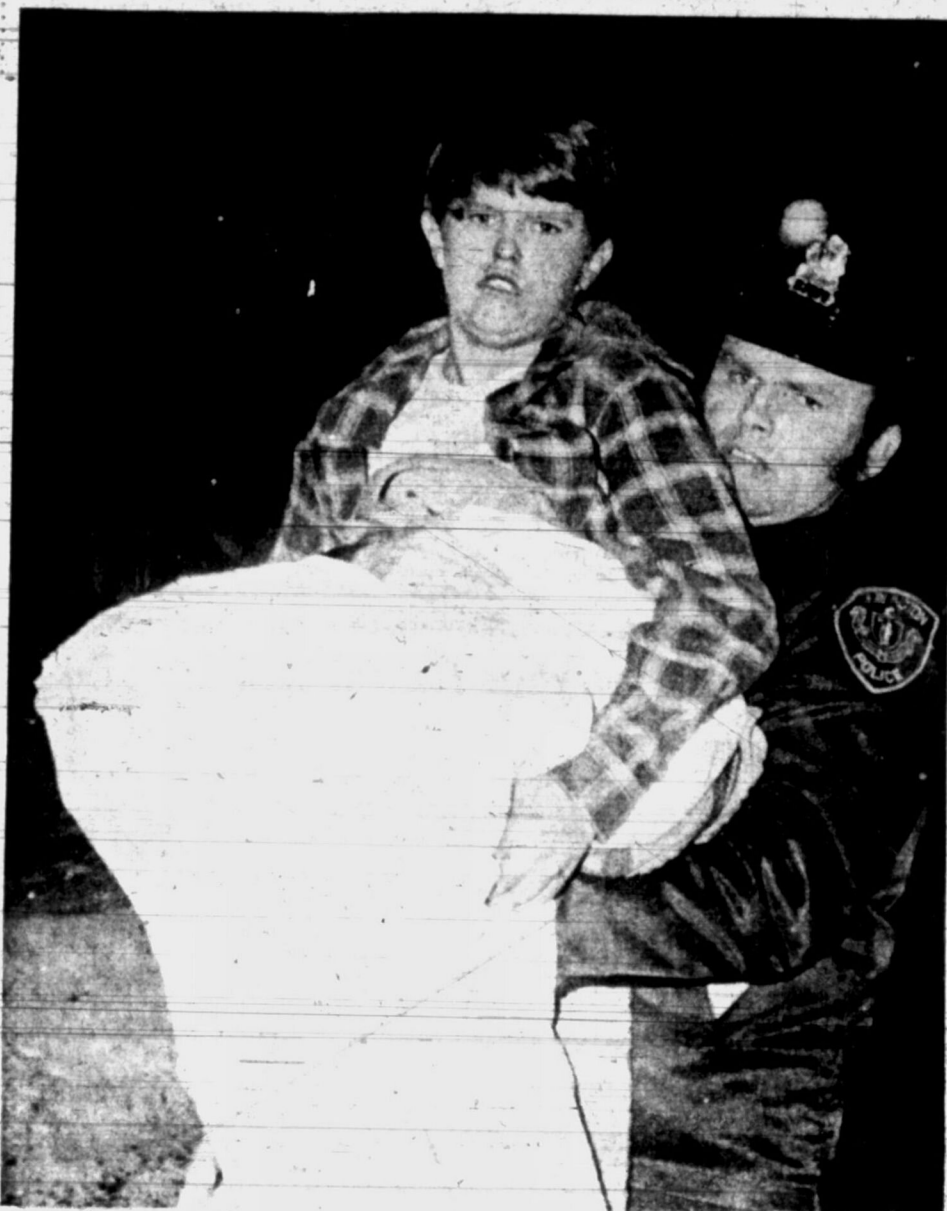
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## Injured

Police Officer James Kearns Carries Greg Doyle, 13, into neighbors house after boy was treated at Symmes Hospital for frostbite following Saturday morning fire at 83 Robbins rd. (Advocate Staff Photo)

## Colonial Ball Is April 3

April 3 is the date set for the Liberty Ball which will be held at the Town Hall under the sponsorship of the Arlington Bicentennial Planning Committee.

"This will be a festive way for all of us to take part in the celebration of our nation's 200th birthday," says co-chairman Edward Murphy.

Tickets at \$10 a person will go on sale March 1. The number sold will be limited to the capacity of the hall. Anyone wishing to buy single tickets or to reserve a table for 10 may do so by contacting Jane Foley, Joan Gallagher, or any member of the committee named below.

A varied program has been planned to make the evening enjoyable for both singles and couples. Although dress is optional, awards will be given to one man, one woman, and one couple for originality in the choice of colonial costumes.

Live continuous music will be provided by the Jerry and Jack Davis Band and an organist will accompany the sing-along at intermission.

Throughout the evening, punch will be served. At 10 p.m., there will be a hot buffet dinner which will include sliced baked ham with pineapple sauce, barbecued chicken wings, delmonico potatoes, Swedish meatballs, garden salad, banana fritters with cherry sauce, rolls and relishes, ice cream and coffee.

A climax to the evening will be the grand march at 11:30.

Co-chairmen are Larry Corcoran and Ed Murphy. They are assisted by Rita Skinner, Patricia Doyle, Ruth Murray, Drita Eaton, Annamaria Fiorvanti, Jane Foley, Ann Burns, Mary Weidner, Bob Marcotte, Ruth Mahon, Stacey Faulkner, Joan and Paul Gallagher and James Lee.

## Session Starts April 26

## 108 Articles Are In Town Meeting Warrant

Town Meeting in April will be called on to act on 108 articles including five in connection with proposed pay raises for town employees.

Two others concern requests for sums of money for the purpose of developing preliminary plans and specifications to provide for renovations and additions to Arlington High School.

The number of articles inserted is 34 more than the 74 acted on at last year's annual town meeting, and was a surprise to some because of the number of articles acted on at special town meetings last year.

The record number of articles to come before town meeting was 142 in 1971. There were 119 articles in 1970, 113 in 1969, 112 in 1973, 107 in 1972 and 103 in 1974.

Article 12 inserted at the request of the Manager requests a 4 percent raise for town employees.

The amendments to the classification plan, the merit compensation plan and the compensation plan under this article are not to be implemented or become effective under this article to employees who are members of any of the various town unions until the execution of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the union to which the employee belongs.

Article 13 calls for a three percent raise for employees determined to be deserving by the Town Manager relative to employees under his jurisdiction and by the Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Board of Assessors and Personnel Board.

It is also provided under this article that any employee who receives a step increase under the classification, merit compensation and pay plans shall not be entitled to a merit increase and any employee receiving an increase in salary awarded under binding arbitration and not based on merit shall not be entitled to receive a merit increase under this article. This article was also inserted at the request of the Town Manager.

Article 14, inserted at the request of the Finance Committee seeks a pay increase for fire personnel grades F-1 through F-4 and for police personnel for grades P-1 through P-5.

Article 15, also inserted at the request of the Finance Committee requests a merit salary increase for management positions under the direction of the Town Manager.

Article 52 inserted by the School Committee, asks the Town to appropriate money to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Town Building Committee for the purpose of developing preliminary plans and specifications to provide for renovations and additions to the existing Arlington High School to improve program offerings and upgrade physical conditions.

Article 53 requests an appropriation of funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Town Building Committee for the purpose of developing plans and specifications to provide for renovations and additions to the existing Arlington High School to improve program offerings and

upgrade physical conditions. This article also requests that the plans meet the requirements of the School Building Assistance Bureau and State Board of Education for 50 percent reimbursement by the Commonwealth. This article was also inserted at the request of the School Committee.

Article 44 requests an appropriation to continue the Recreation Facilities Capital Improvement Plan. Funds requested would be for the work to the Grove st. playground, Menotomy Rocks Park and Waldo playground. This article was inserted at the request of the Recreational Facilities Committee.

The funds would also be used to prepare professional plans for the fifth year of the six-year Capital Improvement Program for Recreation.

This article also requests a vote to authorize the filing of an application with any Mass or federal agency for any grants or reimbursements that may become available.

The formation of an Arlington Celebrations Committee is proposed under Article 49. The purpose of the Committee would be to plan for and implement parades, Memorials and other celebrations in the community. This article was inserted at the request of the Town Manager.

Article 60 requests the adoption of a by-law creating an historic district within an area bounded by Mass ave., Franklin st., Warren st., and Palmer st. This article was inserted at the request of the Arlington Historic District Study Committee.

Article 76 asks the Town to accept a sum of money set forth in a trust to be known as the John Asinari Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Article 5 inserted at the request of the Personnel Board asks a change in the classification plan which would grant an additional 10 cents per hour to motor equipment operators when on refuse collection, operating sidewalk tractor snow removal, compressor, road roller and motor vehicle 40,000 GVW or over.

The Personnel Board also requested the insertion of Article 6 reallocated the grade of fire apparatus repairman from grade MC 6 to 7, and to appropriate the sum of \$480.

Article 7, inserted at the request of the Personnel Board, asks for a change in the police annual salary schedule.

Article 8 concerns requested change in the by-laws granting four-weeks vacation to the full-time dog officer.

The passage of Article 9 would grant maternity leave of absence without pay. Articles 8 and 9 were inserted at the request of

the Personnel Board.

Article 10, inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer would amend the classification plan by changing the title of Assistant Treasurer to Assistant Treasurer-Office Manager and reallocating the position from grade AG11 to AG13, as agreed to by Thomas J. Hourihan of T.J. Hourihan Associates, Personnel Consultants.

Article 11, also inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer, would change the title of Assistant to Assistant Treasurer-Office Manager, as agreed to by Thomas J. Hourihan of T.J. Hourihan Associates, Personnel Consultants.

Amendments under Article 10 and 11 would go into effect July 1, 1976.

The Contributory Retirement Board requested the insertion of Article 17 relating to the adjustment of pensions of certain former employees of the Town.

The Contributory Retirement Board also requested the insertion of Article 18 relating to the cost of living adjustment in amounts of pensions and annuities.

Article 19 concerns action on all departmental budgets of the community.

The Town Manager requested the insertion of Article 20 calling for the appropriation of \$4,000 for expenses incurred outside the Commonwealth.

Article 21 requests the appropriation of money to be taken from available funds in the treasury for the street lighting program. (Inserted at the Request of the Town Manager.)

The Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School Committee requested the insertion of Article 22 calling for the appropriation of funds for the purpose of paying

the town apportioned share of the operating and maintenance cost, including capital funds of the school.

Article 23 asks the designation of Spring st. from Hillsdale rd. to Bellevue rd. as a scenic road. (Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board.)

Articles 24 and 25 concern the acceptance of the laying out of Summit st. and Blossom st.

Article 26 asks for an appropriation for the construction of public ways, while Article 27 requests authorization to obtain land in connection with construction of public ways.

Articles 28 through 34 request appropriations for extension of the sewerage system, water mains, storm drains, improvements and maintenance of the drainage system, construction and installation of sidewalks and edgestones, cleaning and replacement of water lines and reconstruction and maintenance of permanent sidewalks and resetting of edgestones.

Article 35 asks for an appropriation of funds for resurfacing or reconstruction of streets.

Article 36 requests funds to meet the state share of the cost of Chapter 765 work on Broadway and Mass ave.

Articles 37 through 43 request funds for use of the Arlington Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, paying the Town's share of the operating costs of the Minuteman Home Care Corporation for the Elderly, rent for the facilities used by the Council on Aging, use of the Arlington Bicentennial Planning Committee, continued refurbishing and or

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## For Sr. Citizens

## Income Tax Aides Trained

Eighteen Arlington residents recently completed an intensive four-day training program in the preparation of federal and state income tax returns.

The training program, sponsored by the Arlington Council on Aging and the Arlington Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, featured presentations by tax experts from the Internal Revenue Service and the Massachusetts Dept. of Corporations and Taxation. It was held at the Fidelity House on Medford st.

The Tax Aides will be available starting in the middle of February to provide free, confidential tax assistance to elders age 60

and older who are residents of Arlington. They will answer questions and assist seniors in filing short or long form federal or state returns.

Tax Aides will be at the following locations during February:

Feb. 10, 1-3, Jarvis House.  
Feb. 12, 10-12, Jarvis House.  
Feb. 16, 11-1, Fox Library, East Arlington.  
Feb. 17, 1-3, Jarvis House.  
Feb. 18, 10-12, Dallin Library, Arlington Heights.  
Feb. 19, 10-12, Jarvis House.  
Feb. 24, 1-3, Jarvis House.  
Feb. 26, 10-12, Jarvis House.

## Snowfall At 50 Inches

## Cost Of Fighting Winter Nearing \$200,000

The cost of keeping Arlington streets clean during the current winter blasts is nearing the \$200,000 mark according to Public Works Department.

Nearly 50 inches of snow had fallen through the weekend, which is approximately five-sixths of what falls during an average Arlington winter.

Equipment has been in operation almost continuously since before Christmas because of the heavy snowstorms, the smaller storms and the severe cold weather, along with some melting during the days and freezing at night.

Although most of the cost has been for plowing, clearing, salting and sanding, a portion can also be attributed to work done last summer and fall.

During the latter period snow-fighting equipment was repaired and damage to property caused by snow-fighting the previous winter was repaired.

In addition purchase was made of salt and sand in preparation for the winter, along with the purchase of chains and other related snow-fighting equipment.

Approximately 1,000 customers were without electrical power in East Arlington in the Lake st. area Thursday night during the height of the high wind and cold.

All but 300 of these had service restored in just over an hour. Power another for 150 customers was restored in just over two hours, while the final 75 customers had their power back on in three hours and 25 minutes.

Much of the snow and ice cleanup work along streets during the period was handled from midnight until 8 a.m. during hours when traffic was relatively clear.

Meanwhile, water services were frozen in several instances because of the severe cold weather.

Director of Public Works Raymond Ouellette reported 15 instances where pipes had become frozen between the property line and house.

He urged residents with meters exposed to the cold to have these meters moved inside where the conditions are warmer.

Director of Properties and Natural Resources Frank Wright said that water service had frozen between the road to the

building of the demountable classrooms at Peirce School, and that a sprinkler system had frozen on an outer wall at the Cutter School.

Wright said that damage to trees wasn't too severe.

He said that a few branches had been blown down, but that most of the damage to trees takes place when the trees are covered with leaves or are iced over. He said that in instances like last week, the wind simply blows through the trees.

## Advocate To Be Early

The Advocate will come out one day early the week of Feb. 9. Publicity chairmen are asked to get copy in by Friday. Deadline will be Monday noon. The paper will appear Wednesday, Feb. 11.

## Joan Gross Gets Housing Director's Job

In a brief special meeting last Thursday the Arlington Housing Authority voted to name Joan Gross as executive director of the authority.

Voting for Mrs. Gross were elected members Frederick Buckley and John Hogan and state appointee Irene Shea. Voting for John Kenny were authority members John Cusack and Robert Garrity.

Kenny and Mrs. Gross were the two finalists from some 125 applicants who were screened by a reviewing committee and then the authority. A third candidate did not survive the first round of balloting in December when the vote was deadlocked between the other two.

The appointment of Mrs. Gross now has to be confirmed by the State Department of Community Affairs before it becomes official.

The director's job will not carry tenure or a contract. It will pay \$16,000 a year.

Mrs. Gross attended Academy of the Sacred Heart, Emmanuel College and Boston University where she received a B.S. in Education. She has worked in bookkeeping, as a legal assistant and teacher.

In Arlington she has served as president of the League of Women Voters, vice president of the Visiting Nursing Assn., chairman of the Arlington Youth Visit Exchange program, Town Meeting member, member of the Bicentennial Beautification and Capital Budget Committees and member of the Housing Authority. She was named Citizen of the Year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce in 1973.



The Jason Russell House



Mrs. Mills and Jonathan

## It's A Boy -- At Last

For a while it looked like the stork lost his map to Arlington. There were babies galore being born, but no Arlington baby in Symmes Hospital until this past Sunday.

Making a new year debut was Jonathan Arthur Mills, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19 1/2 inches long.

His parents are William and Katherine Mills of 44 Davis ave. where he also has a brother, Andrew, 5, and sister, Amy, 3 1/2.

Jonathan's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tildsley of Framingham. He was delivered by Dr. Leonard Dress.

As Arlington's first baby of 1976 born at Symmes, Jonathan and his mother will receive some presents from Nevaire Gift Shop, Cottage Bank and Trust Company, Children's Fashion Shop, Tiberia Flower Shop, Brule Pharmacy, Arlington Co-operative Bank and the Ben Franklin Store.



## ★ 108 Warrant Articles

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redecorating of the Town Hall and use of the Selectmen's Historic Town Meeting Committee.

Article 45 inserted at the request of the Robbins Library Trustees, seeks funds for the support of library service on 37 Sundays beginning in Sept.

Article 46, inserted at the request of the Town Manager, seeks funds to cover the Town's share for a grant for the establishment of a Crime Prevention Unit.

Funds are requested under Article 47 for the restoration of the town clock and for its installation in the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church when the church is rebuilt.

Article 48 requests funds for the purchase and installation of underground fuel storage tanks and pumps at the town yard.

Article 50, inserted at the request of the Town Manager asks funds for the purpose of providing parades and celebrations in the town.

Article 51, inserted by 10 registered voters asks the Town to continue to appropriate the sum of \$8,060 to sponsor several parades throughout the year.

Article 54 requests the appointment of a nine-member Christmas Lighting and Decorating Committee, while the following article requests funds to be expended by the committee. Both articles were inserted by 10 registered voters.

Funds are requested under Article 56 for ornamental and additional light to the streets in the business area during the Christmas season. The article was inserted at the

request of the Town Manager.

Article 57, inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board asks the Town to accept the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975, entitled An Act Further Regulating the Zoning Enabling Act.

Article 58, inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board, seeks several amendments in the zoning by-law.

Article 59, also inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board requests an amendment to the table of use regulations in the zoning by-law.

Article 60 seeks amendment to the zoning by-law noting that no portion of a second driveway be within 30 feet of the first driveway at front lot line.

Under Articles 61 and 62 requests are made to amend the zoning map at No. 60 Henderson st. and No. 339 Mass. ave. and No. 2 Allen st. Both articles were inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board.

Ten registered voters have inserted an article requesting that the zoning by-law be amended in connection with properties at 60 Pond lane, 56 Pond lane and 38 and 40 Pond lane.

The Town Meeting Procedures Committee has requested the insertion of Article 64 relative to the reading of sections of warrant articles.

The Town Treasurer has requested the insertion of Arlington 65 relative to liens.

Article 66, inserted at the request of the Town Manager, concerns the disposition of material or property belonging to the Town. The cost of confinement of a dog shall be

two dollars per day for each day instead of one dollar if Article 67 is approved. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager.)

Article 69 requests that the Town be authorized to appropriate money connection with a funded pension and retirement system. (Inserted at the request of the Retirement Board.)

Article 70 requests that the Selectmen be authorized to petition the General Court to enact legislation in connection with the removal of parked cars.

If Article 71 is passed the Town would accept an Act defining and clarifying certain rights and responsibilities of public school secondary students.

Article 71 was inserted by ten registered voters.

The Town Treasurer has requested the insertion of Article 72 which would authorize the payment of public employees by means of direct bank credits.

Article 73 is in connection with the installation of automatic smoke or heat detectors in hotels, boarding or lodging houses or family hotels. (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager.)

Article 74, inserted at the request of the Town Manager, concerns indemnification of municipal officers.

Article 75, also inserted by the Town Manager, asks for an appropriation for obtaining insurance providing indemnity for municipal officers.

Article 77 asks for funds to conduct a study of the Town's Group Health Insurance Plan.

Article 78, inserted at the request of the Paper Recycling Committee asks for funds for the purchase of playground and parks equipment.

At the request of the Citizens' Involvement Committee Article 79 requests funds to be

expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Under Article 80 funds are requested for the purchase of police whistles to be distributed to the citizens of the town to help combat vandalism and crime. This was inserted at the request of 10 registered voters.

Article 81 asks for the reassessment of all recreational assessed land that is not equally accessible to all citizens of the town regardless of race, color, sex and club membership (Inserted by 10 registered voters.)

Ten registered voters have requested the insertion of Article 82 which would grant upon the request of any citizen a written summary of the rights, duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen under existing statutes and their established procedures used in fulfilling these responsibilities.

Article 83 asks for a vote to discontinue the laying out and paving of unfinished streets until a review of existing procedural processes is implemented.

Ten registered voters requested that the article be inserted.

The sum of \$12,000 is requested under Article 84 for the purchase of a lighting truck for the Fire Division. (Inserted by 10 registered voters.)

Articles 85 through 88 ask for the transfer of several parcels of tax title land to the Park and Recreation Commission. All articles were inserted at the request of the Commission.

The Park and Recreation also requested the insertion of Article 89 for acquisition of land in the Spring st. area for park and related purposes.

Articles 90 and 91, inserted at the request of the Town Manager, ask that buildings at 843 Mass. ave. and 31 Schouler ct. be removed or demolished.

Articles 92 and 93, if approved, would release three railroad bridges in Arlington to the State Dept. of Public Works.

Under Articles 94 and 95 the Town seeks the acquisition of two parcels of land on Water st.

At the request of the Town Manager Article 96 authorizing the disposition of scrap metal, junk and obsolete equipment owned by the Town was inserted.

Article 97, inserted by the Town Treasurer would authorize the sale of certain obsolete business machines and personal property of the office of the Treasurer-Collector of Taxes.

Articles 98 through 101 asks appropriation to indemnify two Arlington police officers and two firefighters for expenses incurred.

All four articles were inserted at the request of the Town Manager.

Article 102, inserted at the request of the Board of Assessors requests an appropriation for a revision and updating of the 1969 valuation to fair cash value of all real and personal property in the Town. The revision and updating would be done by and under the supervision of the Assessors.

The Assessors also requested the insertion of Article 103 for funds for a complete revaluation.

The Cemetery Commissioners have requested the insertion of Article 104 for the transfer of \$34,885 from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Funds to the Cemetery Commissioners for the improvement of Town cemeteries.

The last four articles in the warrant seek appropriations.

One seeks funds for the purpose of providing suitable quarters for Arlington Barracks, 2701, veterans of World War I.

Another seeks authorization for the Assessors to use free cash in the treasury in

the determination of the tax rate.

Article 107 seeks funds to be added to the Stabilization Fund, while Article 108 asks funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Clerk for purpose of defraying the cost of advertising and other incidental laws voted at Town Meeting.

## 8th Graders, Parents Invited To Hear About MM Regional

The Arlington Advisory Committee for the Minuteman Regional School invites all the Arlington eighth grade students and their parents to attend a meeting at the Stratton School on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m.

The Arlington member of the Minuteman School Board, Rico Merluzzo, will host the activities of the evening. Dr. Ronald Fitzgerald, newly appointed Superintendent Director of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School, will speak on the general overview of the school.

Members of the Minuteman staff and students will show slides and speak on the many diversified programs in progress at the school. This will give the students and parents information they need in regard to applications, programs, classes and transportation.

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## Arlington Police Apprehend Three

Officer Rich Femia apprehended an Arlington juvenile in the Gardner st. area, Jan. 24. The youth was charged with being a delinquent child, to wit: attempted larceny of a motor vehicle and malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

On Jan. 21 officer James McHugh arrested two Arlington residents at Mass. ave. and Railroad ave. The two were charged with being disorderly persons.

Three Somerville residents were apprehended by officer Thomas Heller, Jan. 24. One was charged with being a delinquent child, to wit: breaking and entering of a dwelling in the night time and larceny therein.

The other two were charged with breaking and entering of a dwelling in the night time and larceny therein.

On Jan. 25 an Arlington resident was arrested by Sgt. Francis McKenna at Mass. ave. and Pleasant st. The man was charged with violation of the motor vehicle law.

## By Philharmonic

## Children's Concert To Have Circus Theme

The Philharmonic Society of Arlington will present its annual children's concert on the week end of Feb. 7 and 8.

The concert will be performed at Belmont Town Hall at 3 p.m., Feb. 7, and at Arlington Town Hall at 3 p.m., Feb. 8, under the direction of John Bovicchi. The program will be the same on both occasions.

## Children's Pet Dog Is Lost

Pook, a favorite companion of eight retarded children in a nearby community, disappeared Tues. morning from a temporary boarding area. He is a gentle, non-biting dog, golden in color, med. in size, dark-rimmed eyes, and a dog tag with Buell, N.C. on it. Please call the Arlington Dog officer if found or seen.

This year's concert will feature music related to the circus: A new medley called "A Children's Circus" composed especially for the occasion by Peter Hazzard, the assistant conductor of the orchestra, and using various instruments to depict magicians, snake charmers, midgets, trapeze artists, and wild animals.

"Circus Overture" by Tach Selections from the well-known "Carnival of the Animals" by Saint-Saens. The very common circus march, "Entry of the Gladiators (Thunder and Blazes)".

The orchestra will set up its chairs on the floor of the town hall, so the audience can see and hear the various instruments as closely as possible. A brief explanation will be given before each piece, and various members of the orchestra may be asked to play some of

their parts separately before the piece is performed by the orchestra as a whole.

The entire program will take about one hour. A low admission will be charged per family. Tickets will be sold at the door.

For further information call Mrs. Robert E. Meehan, 42 Lennon rd.

## Final Registration Day

Tuesday at 10 p.m. is the final day to register to vote for the Presidential Primaries.

The Town Clerk's office will be open from noon until 10 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Tuesday for those wishing to register.

Residents may also register from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Town Clerk's office.

## TV Fire

Arlington firefighters battled fire at 83 Robbins rd. early Saturday morning. Three persons were treated at Symmes Hospital and four others escaped living room blaze. (Advocate Staff Photo)

## Three Are Treated After Saturday Fire

Three persons were taken to Symmes Hospital for treatment after a fire at 83 Robbins rd. early Saturday morning.

John Doyle and two of four children Denise, and Greg, 13, were treated at the hospital. Two other Doyle children and two other visitors were able to leave the building safely.

According to the Arlington Fire Division there was heat and smoke throughout the house after a television fire in the living room.

Meanwhile, on Jan. 25 firemen battled a fire during the mid-morning at 14 Norcross st. This blaze was said to have started when a living room chair was ignited by heat from a fireplace.

Firefighters also battled a closet fire at 44 College ave. just before 8 a.m. Monday.

During the seven day period ending Jan. 27, the Services Division personnel answered 74 requests for rescue.

Emergency including 21 box alarms, 28 requests for rescue, 1 mutual aid assistance was given on 10 occasions.

## Temporary Homes Are Needed For Troubled Youths

The Arlington Youth Consultation Center on Prescott st. often tries to find suitable homes for local teenagers that are experiencing personal problems at home. Sometimes situations make it necessary for the teenager to leave their home and live elsewhere while working on these problems which may include child abuse and neglect, alcoholism or other problems.

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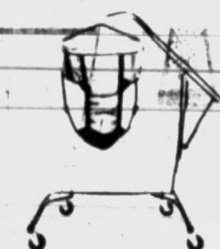


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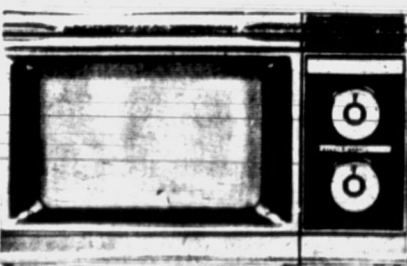
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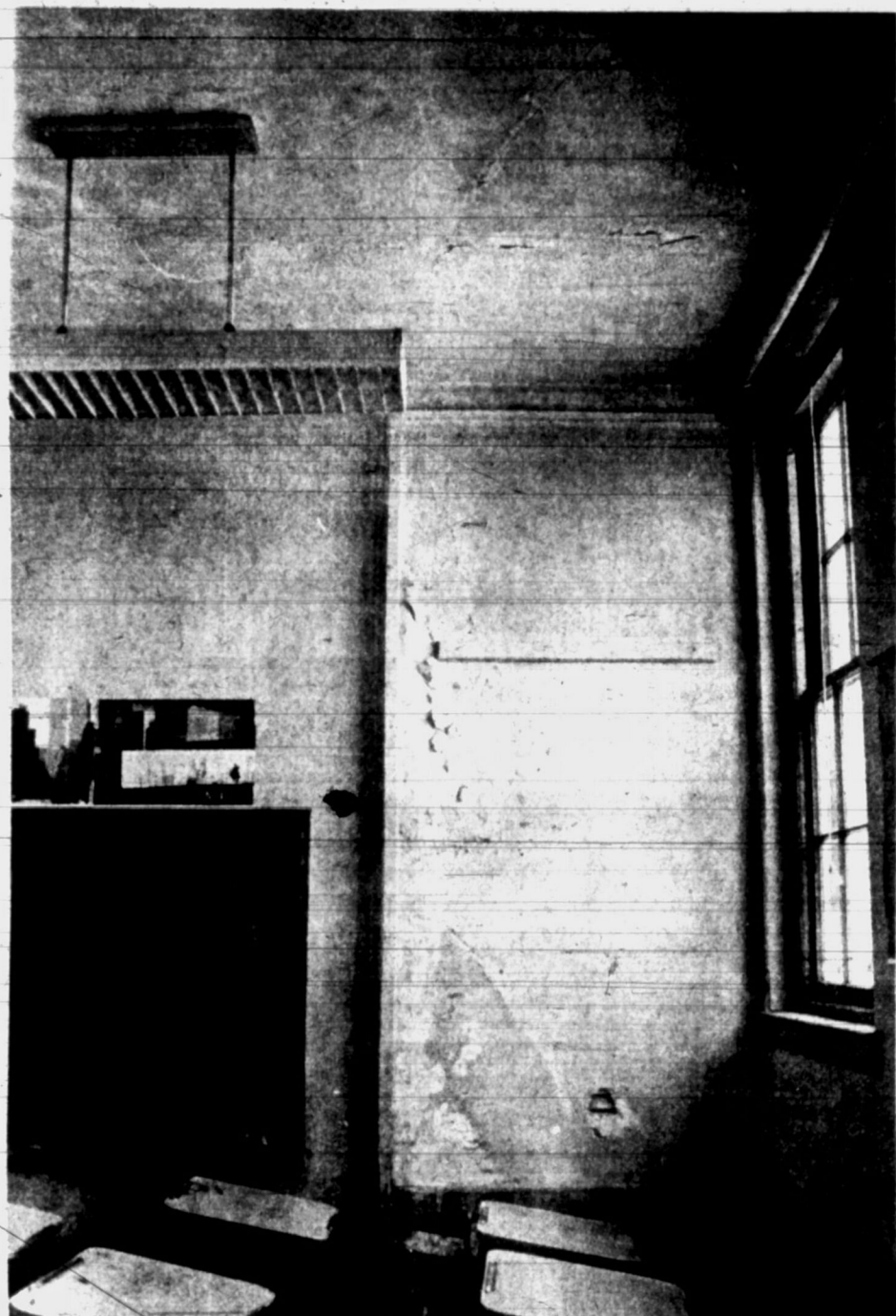
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## Building A

"I would like you to make a point to the taxpayers," wrote an Arlington High student about Room 29 in Building A. Heavy rains over Christmas vacation came through the notorious leaky roof, causing cracked walls and peeling paint. Such leaks happen frequently in the building. Roof and parapet repair will cost \$127,000.

## School Closing

### TO THE EDITOR:

The School Committee's statement of "possible school closing" is very misleading. When people hear that a school is going to close, I think most sigh with relief at the thought of one less building to heat and maintain and one less school to house with teaching personnel. Maybe taxes will go down or at least stay the same.

We, as interested parents, have been told that there have been no definite plans for the use of the building yet. If a school does close, it's possible that the satellite program or the high school might use it, or it could be used for administrative offices or any of many other purposes. The town does not have plans to demolish the building, therefore no savings in heat or maintenance, only the possibility of more spending to remodel it for some other use.

As far as saving on teaching personnel, which is 85 percent of the school budget, the school population has been going down and as it has teachers who have left the system have not been replaced. Whether a school closes or

not, it only stands to reason that when there are fewer students to teach there are fewer teachers needed.

When the School Committee says that the student population has dropped quite a bit that's true. What they fail to say is that when the population was high we were in grossly overcrowded classrooms, enough so that we purchased portable classrooms for some schools, and they are still in use.

The students that are moved out of the building are still going to need teachers so the only savings that I can see would be the salary of a principal and secretary and maybe one teacher. The small savings that might take place doesn't seem to be worth jeopardizing the fine quality of elementary education the children are finally receiving.

For years the elementary classrooms have been overcrowded and now that they have finally come down to workable size classrooms (18-24) I can't understand why they want to take us out of a school and put us into a possible overcrowded situation again.

Lorraine Daniell  
35 Williams St.

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## Collins' Corner

by Leonard Collins



## Fire Whistle days

The request from a citizen that the Fire Whistle be calmed, especially on week-ends, brings to mind the day it was sounded for all fires at all hours of day and night. It must be the person requesting the order does not work Saturdays or Sundays and it apparently disturbs the person's sleep.

Of course this could not happen back when, as very few folks had Saturday as a day of rest, especially the farmers, and the Town of Arlington had many of these folks. They worked seven days a week the year round. Those that had cattle knew that there was no day of rest for them. They had to be fed, and in the case of cows, they must be milked, and a 40 hour week was just a myth.

The blowing of the whistle in other days was a great thrill for all kids in town and they knew the whereabouts of the fire by just listening to the rings. If memory serves the writer correctly, the first box was at Teel and Henderson Sts. in East Arlington, and the last one up at Arlington Heights, at Hibbert St. They might not know all the answers to various studies at school, but they sure could rattle off the fire boxes and their locations.

At the time when the apparatus was horse drawn nearly every youngster looked on the drivers as their heroes, and many secretly wished they could be holding the reins as they came galloping down Mass. Ave. But when an alarm would "hit" in the middle of the night, and the temperature was down to near zero, the "Little Dreamers" would be very glad to curl up in a ball under the warm blankets in their cozy bed.

Goodness knows we have done about everything to blot out some niceties of yesteryear, and hundreds of citizens that remember those fire whistle days still in many cases govern a bit of their everyday with those three

blows. A story is told of a farmer who had a group of "Greenhorns" working for him, and at times when they were loading the wagons with produce to go to market, a fire whistle would ring telling all it was 12 o'clock noon, and time for all people in town to stop work and have their dinner.

But this cute operator would say to the men, "There must be a fire over in Belmont," and the loading would continue until the wagon was filled. But it did not take the laborers long to know the difference between the sound of the whistles in the two towns.

One of the "lunch" gongs was the one at Schwamb Mill near Forest St. on Mass. Ave. and all working in Arlington, and within hearing distance, would drop everything and open up the dinner pails. It would then give out a blast at five minutes of one to tell all to get up and on with their work.

The ringing of alarms was a must back at that time as Arlington had 37 call men who worked in town, and they answered all calls, and that was the only means of telling where the blaze was. If a fellow missed a fire he was fined 50 cents, and if he missed three he was put up on charges before the Board of Fire Engineers. The pay at one time was \$50 per year, and it steadily climbed until the maximum was reached which was \$200 per annum.

The last horse-drawn engine was in 1920, and today we have a permanent force and the call men are no more. It was a common sight to see the engines coming down the Avenue, and picking up men along the way. So dedicated were these men that a fireman getting a shave in a local Barber Shop jumped out of the chair covered with lather and ran out on the Avenue waiting for the horses and wagons to pick him up, lather and all. They sure were real sparks.

## That Man About Town

The Redevelopment Board this week saw color sketches for the model block on Broadway. All the people who don't believe Arlington Center redevelopment will happen should be interested in this project and should encourage local businessmen to respond with enthusiasm.

The preliminary plans show color coordinated awnings, attractive signs, additional trees, trash receptacle-planters, new lights, benches and cleaned up buildings brought back to natural brick if possible.

The board and Planning Department are also working on schemes for a parking and pedestrian park near Fire Headquarters opposite the model block. This certainly would improve driving and aesthetics in the Center. The board members were told that when Warren, R.I., did similar work vandalism dropped off in the area. That would be a nice extra benefit if it could happen here too.

Last week's School Committee budget hearing which FinCom chairman Bob O'Neill attended points up some of the problems facing town officials. A million dollars of the increase in the school budget is for staff which accounts for 85 percent of the total spending. That leaves practically nothing for supplies, equipment, maintenance, utilities, and it certainly leaves nothing for luxuries.

So, the School Committee tries to pare costs. The Town Manager's departments do the same. Then we get to Town Meeting and cut warrant articles. And we still end up with a tax increase because of charges from the MBTA, MDC, county and others which we cannot control and because our taxing system is so antiquated that only the local property tax pays.

School Committee Chairman Bill O'Brien pointed out that last year people did not believe they could expand Arlington High and not pay higher taxes for it this year. So they voted to keep Building A and reject 65 percent state aid, and this year the taxes will go up to pay for work needed at Building A to allow it to meet safety standards and stay open and to upgrade the educational program.

For every cost-cutting effort that is made, there is another interest group that says "give me more." Just a small example, after O'Neill painted his dismal picture of the future tax rate, the School Committee was asked to increase funding for nurses, special needs children in private schools, and for the public school special needs program.

The Arlington Housing Authority and the housing office staff are finally back to full strength after being short-handed for months. The state recently named Irene Shea to fill the six months left in Joan Gross' appointment. Mrs. Gross resigned to apply for the executive director's job which became vacant with the death of Robert Hauser.

The delays in filling the jobs could have been avoidable if it were not for

politics. When Joan Gross applied for the administrative job some people didn't want her to get it. Since that job is filled by the Authority, there was great interest in filling the fifth seat on the Authority, especially when the four members split between Mrs. Gross and John Kenny.

We think the two women who were named will do a good job and were good appointments.

George Rugg announced to the Selectmen this week that he will not seek re-election. He and Peg Spengler lost months of service when their right to run was contested in the courts. Mrs. Spengler will run again. Former School Committee member Bob Murray has taken out papers, saying there is a need for a small businessman on the board.

With the announcement this week that Edward Downey, candidate for selectman, is chairman for the local Heart Fund drive, something sounded familiar. The boss checked and found an interesting pattern over the years of this chairmanship going to people who seek public exposure.

Chairmen since 1970 have been Bill Abbott (former Selectman) twice; Iris Nigro (wife of former Selectman Ron Nigro); Edward Murphy (candidate for state rep); Joseph Daly, (former rep); and Downey last year and now this year.

Monday night's School Committee subcommittee meeting at the Crosby School which received metropolitan media coverage shows what happens when rumors get started. We saw it happen last year on costs and effects for the high school expansion, for example. And a few months ago when Locke School parents stormed the School Committee meeting because they heard their school would be closed. Now the Crosby parents think their building will be closed.

We'll try again to clarify what is going on. Basically, the elementary enrollments are dropping and the School Committee wants to be ready to do what is best educationally and economically across the system.

Right now there are pockets of high enrollment, and demountable classrooms are still in use, while other classes are under-enrolled. The committee is trying to set guidelines by which the administration can come up with recommendations perhaps to change school district lines to spread out the enrollments better, or even to close a school if the total system enrollment gets to a certain low point.

No decisions have been made. We hope that if the School Committee does get to the point of contemplating a school closing they will call on others with expertise to first evaluate the economics. The final decision will, of course, also have to consider the educational impact and implications.

Whatever happens, the committee intends to involve the public in the decision-making and the thinking is now to give at least one year's notice.

## Letters To The Editor

### Where Are You?

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Many of us have been concerned regarding the monetary figures being presented, which will be required to bring Arlington High School up to the safety standards - standards which will allow a parent to send his child to school without the fear of the roof caving in on his head -- not a beautiful, up-to-date school such as many other cities and towns can boast of -- just a safe one.

It appears now that we can all expect a terrific increase in our tax rate, an increase which would have been considerably more minimal, had the school issue passed with the 65 percent aid.

Now I would like to know why Mr. Wright, his devoted followers and the unintelligent people who listened to their propaganda, don't come out of hiding and tell us what to do. They succeeded in telling the people what to do but they are certainly being very quiet now.

I do not have children attending Arlington High School but I and just one my neighbors, as far as I could note, took the time and interest to attend the Town Meeting and other meetings relative to the school issue. We viewed the conditions at the High School.

The ones who seemed to know it all and would not even listen to their own children who were telling of the conditions at the school, never bothered to attend these meetings but they hustled to the polls to vote "NO." The only credit they deserve is that they did exercise their right to vote!

The parents who voted "no" are the ones who should bear the brunt of the tax increase concerning the school repairs. It should be their children who are bused, put on double sessions and lose accreditation, if these conditions should be the result of the school issue.

I did hear that "the leader of the gang" against the school allowed his child to continue through eighth grade at our beautiful, up-graded Otton Junior High but promptly enrolled her in a local private school, so that his child would not be affected by his plot.

It was amazing to sit at the Town Hall the night of the school vote and see all those in the lobby, whispering to as many Town Meeting members as they could reach, trying to influence their vote. I believe most of our Town Meeting members study up on the issues to be voted on before Town Meeting night and won't be influenced by lobbyists.

Why don't some of these devoted lobbyists and back-seat holders become Town Meeting members. Are they afraid of roll-call votes which would expose their true feelings? Most of them are probably too penny-conscious to give a raise to a town employee, fireman or policeman, but they wouldn't take a chance on letting this be known.

There were jack-rabbits bobbing around getting signatures for a referendum even before Town Moderator Corcoran had called for the vote. Any person in the Town Hall that night, who heard the extremely sincere, intelligent and explanatory speech given by our Town Treasurer, John Balafer, could not help voting "yes" for the school issue and yet a certain group were successful in downing the vote of our elected Town Meeting members and gathering signatures for a referendum.

Now these trouble-shooters can relax in front of their television sets and let others, who are concerned about our youth, spend night in and night out trying to figure out a way to provide safety for these youth and keep the tax rate down!

It can't be done -- but it's too bad that we all have to pay for other's mistakes!

Sincerely,  
Alice G. Puddister

### Try It Again

#### TO THE EDITOR:

The United States Postal Service has been very intelligent and efficient in delivering our mail to us here for 8 years, DESPITE the following 18 misspellings of our street-name:

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Sincerely yours,  
Dr. and Mrs. David L. Davidson  
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### Thank Committee

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Following Letter has been sent to the Arlington School Committee:

Dear School Committee:  
We would like to express our gratitude to you for taking action on January 13, 1976 on the problem that has existed in the Pierce School Kindergartens since September, namely, your 7-2 decision in favor of Mr.

Lanni's proposal to place aides full-time in the Pierce and Cutter School Kindergartens.

We especially want to thank the following individuals: Mr. O'Brien, for asking the Administration of the Arlington Schools to bring a new proposal to the Committee; Alex Wilson for his unstinting help throughout this whole proceeding and for moving to accept Mr. Lanni's proposal; Charlie Lyons for seconding Alex Wilson's motion; and Mr. Lanni for researching the problem and presenting viable solutions to the Committee.

It was unfortunate that so much of the Committee's and our time over the past two and a half months had to be spent in trying to find a suitable solution to our children's problem, since it seemed to be an obvious problem that we thought would be easily soluble.

While we realize that escalating costs and rising taxes are problems of concern to all, and that cutbacks may be necessary due to the economy, we believe that cutting back on staff is seriously detrimental to our children's education. Arlington promotes, we hope, quality education, not quantity.

As parents of young children we feel Arlington risks losing young families if school budget cuts put our children in unreasonable situations. Then closing schools would be no problem, because there would not be enough young families in the town to populate them!

With appreciation,  
Jacqueline Buck and Sara Walden  
for the Pierce School Kindergarten Parents

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## Ask Advisory Group

## Crosby Parents Speak Out On Possible Closing

Monday night's guest appearance of the School Committee's Subcommittee on Class Size and Redistricting with the Crosby PTO, held in the hope of ascertaining public feeling on possible school closings, accomplished what it set out to do.

More than 150 parents crowded into the auditorium of the Crosby School to ask committee members Alex Wilson, Charles Lyons, and Doris Cremens (filling in for absent Subcommittee chairman Richard Kraus) what their plans were in regard to the Crosby School.

At this point the School Committee is attempting to determine procedures by which to decide if enrollment declines warrant redistricting or closing of a school. No such

recommendations have been made yet.

Arnold Lanni, assistant superintendent of schools for elementary education, presented the projected enrollment of the Crosby School up through 1982. The school population, now 288, will drop to 233 in 1982.

Kindergarten class size, he said, would decline from the current 51 to 28 in 1981. This exercise, he pointed out, was done to answer the questions of the Crosby parents, and not because the School Committee was thinking specifically of closing Crosby.

He also pointed out that Crosby is close to both the Thompson and Hardy Schools, in addition to being one of the smallest and oldest school buildings in town. Still, he added, the population of the Crosby School could not be absorbed by the two schools without some adjustments in staff and physical space being necessary.

Matt Ferraro, the chairman of a four-member panel made up of Crosby PTO members, issued a statement from the PTO finding "fault with the Subcommittee's considerations for closing the Crosby for a variety of reasons."

The enrollment pattern at the Crosby, the PTO feels, indicates a still-present need for a school in the area. Ferraro cited high scores on the town-wide tests for the past few years as evidence that the Crosby provided an excellent education.

As homeowners and taxpayers, the PTO members felt "if this school is closed it will cause tremendous hardship for the residents of this area...generally, it is families who become interested in school doings and school policies."

"By making it undesirable for families to live in this district, the town would be compounding a problem it has already shown a great deal of concern over."

In the question and answer period that followed, the members of the Subcommittee reiterated that no decision on closing any school had been reached yet, and that no single school was being considered.

Older schools cost more to heat than do modern ones, Mrs. Cremens pointed out, and the smaller ones would be considered because it would be less of a problem to shift 250 children than 400.

"But," she said, "I see the closing of any school as a last measure. I honestly don't see it happening in the near future."

Kay Healey, a member of the PTO panel, asked if alternative money-saving measures had been considered by the Subcommittee, since closing a school could result in emotional upset and a lower quality of education for the children.

Charles Lyons pointed out that 89 percent of the school budget goes to pay staff salaries, and that to really save money the committee would have to lay off administrative and teaching staff.

"Our idea is not only to save money," said

Mrs. Cremens, "Declining enrollments are not an East Arlington phenomenon, but a town-wide problem. We're trying to set up a procedure to examine the problem, and to find out what you people think about it."

"It makes no sense to me to look at one school and say, 'We have to save money—close the school.' It's more important to consider the broad picture, to look at the quality of education in those schools where the decline in enrollment is most serious."

"If the enrollment goes down too much, we might not be able to present a broad enough range of courses to give those children a good education."

"Nobody on the School Committee puts finances ahead of education, but you have to remember that not all voters are parents of school children," added Alex Wilson.

Members of the audience wanted to know how, if staff from a closed school would probably be absorbed by the system, any money could be saved by such a move.

Mrs. Cremens pointed out that other groups in the area, for example the Mystic Valley Mental Health Association, were looking for rental space within the town. "Or a community social services center could be set up in the building," she said. "By renting the space out, we'd be able to reclaim it if the enrollment prospect changed."

Other concerns of the audience were that children would not be able to find the same kind of programs in a new school that they had had in the old; that the 10 autistic children currently attending the Crosby School were not being adequately considered; and that restricted children would have to walk too far.

The Subcommittee members replied that they were aware of these problems, and that if any school were to be closed these factors would be considered.

Five-year enrollment projections, Mrs.

Cremens pointed out, are made every year to insure that census information is accurate. If there is any substantial increase in the birthrate forthcoming, the school department will know five years in advance what preparations have to be made.

Any school that they did decide to close would have a minimum of one year's warning, so that children could be prepared for change by their parents.

In conclusion, Lanni said, "We're now in the first stage of this—we're doing the research to see what school, if any, it would be most feasible to close. This has been a good meeting in terms of getting a response from the public."

The Crosby PTO has proposed the creation of an advisory committee, to be made up of interested parents, who would monitor the progress of the Subcommittee on Class Size and Redistricting, making recommendations to the School Committee. The Subcommittee unanimously voted to recommend such a committee to the School Committee.

The School Committee's Subcommittee on Class Size and Redistricting will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the Central School. They will discuss five-year enrollment projections for Arlington schools and a minimum savings figure to recommend to the School Committee for closing a school.

At the Feb. 9 meeting, the topic will be the Subcommittee's recommendation that no school will be closed sooner than 12 months after the School Committee's decision. They will also discuss possible plans for redistricting for September, 1976.

A public meeting will be held on Feb. 26 to explain the reasons for the September redistricting, and to elicit response from the public. Other meetings are scheduled Mar. 4 and Mar. 15, when alternatives to school closings will be reviewed.

## February 7

## Symmes Plans Open House And Community Health Fair

A family-style Community Health Fair will offer Arlington, Lexington and Belmont residents a chance to view exciting developments in space age technology at Symmes Hospital, Feb. 7 from 1-4 in the afternoon.

Occasion for this open house celebration is the recognition of the community hospital's new dietary department.

Highlights will be a free screening for high blood pressure, spot tours of the latest in X-Ray and lab equipment and the new dietary department.

Everyone, of every age is invited. Planned activities ranging from slide shows for children (4-10) and a Social Action Center for Senior Citizens.

The children's slide show is designed to help allay youngsters' fears of hospitalization. The Social Action Center is geared to the idea of giving senior citizens and their families the opportunity to drop in

anytime in the afternoon to discuss concerns informally with Symmes Hospital Social Workers such as Medicare and health insurance.

Movies on preventive health subjects are scheduled every half hour from 1-3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the new Symmes employee dining room by members of the Arlington and Lexington Symmes Auxiliaries.

Take your paper for the Paper Parks Program to the truck at Town Yard any time, any day. Proceeds from the recycled paper will go to park equipment.

## Fidelity House Registering For Classes, Sports

Registration for the new segment of programs at Fidelity House will continue throughout this week. Some of those programs with a few openings left include: Ceramics for Adults, Tuesday 6-9 p.m.; Crafts Sampler for Adults, Mondays 7-9 p.m.

Basic Design Class, Saturdays 1-3 p.m.; Printmaking Class, Saturdays 3-5 p.m.; Needlepoint, Tuesday 10 - noon

Ballet (Grades 1-6), Mondays 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Cooking, Tuesdays 3-5; Thursdays 3-5; Drama Workshop, Fridays 3-5

Metalwork (jewelry), Thursdays 3-5; Thursdays 7-9

In addition to these programs, a new crafts room has opened. Children may use this room on the day scheduled for them for a cost of \$5.00 each time.

Some of the craft forms that will be used in this room are decoupage, resin casting, macramé, terrariums, 3-D design and many more.

Athletics - Intramurals: Boys High School Floor Hockey, Friday - evenings

Boy's High School Basketball, Saturdays noon - 2 p.m.

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# FinCom Schedules Article Hearings

The Finance Committee begins hearings on articles contained in the 1976 Warrant this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

The town by-laws state that the FinCom shall consider all articles contained in any warrant except articles on zoning and those articles which do not require or request an appropriation of money.

Anyone planning to appear in opposition to any article, or to present a different viewpoint on a specific item should contact the executive secretary, Richard E. Smith of 38 Washington St. This will ensure that sufficient time will be available for the presentation of all viewpoints.

It is also suggested that anyone planning to attend any hearing verify the times with

Smith since schedule changes are sometimes necessary.

FinCom chairman Robert E. O'Neill suggests that any written material to be submitted to the committee be turned over to Smith as soon as possible so members may have time to review it. Twenty-two copies of all written materials should be furnished.

Proponents of articles should be prepared to provide estimates of amounts required and to explain how the figures were arrived at. Proponents who are unable to appear at the time specified should notify Smith immediately so that alternate times may be set.

Chairman O'Neill points out that a new sub-committee was established last year to conduct additional research into warrant

articles and to locate parties with differing viewpoints. A separate article on this group appears elsewhere in today's Advocate.

Sat. Jan. 31

9 a.m., Article 68 - Creation of historic district in East Arlington, and a historic district committee. 9:15 a.m., Article 37 - Appropriation for Arlington Historical Commission.

9:45 a.m., Article 41 - Appropriation for Arlington Bicentennial Planning Committee. 10 a.m., Article 105 - Appropriation for Veterans of WWI.

10:15 a.m., Article 78 - Appropriation of "Paper for Parks" funds. 10:30 a.m., Article 51 - Appropriation for holiday parades and exercises.

10:45 a.m., Article 79 - Appropriation for Citizen's Involvement Committee. 11:15 a.m., Article 54 - Establishment of Christmas lighting and decorations committee. 11:30 a.m., Article 55 - Appropriations for Christmas lighting.

1 p.m., Articles 24 to 36 and 48 - Appropriations for Engineer and Public Works.

Mon. Feb. 2

9 a.m., Article 103 - Appropriation for complete revaluation of all real and personal property at fair cash value. 9:15 a.m., Article 102 - Appropriation for revision and updating of 1969 valuation to fair cash value.

10 a.m., Article 17 - Appropriation for adjustment of pensions of certain former town employees. 10:15 a.m., Article 72 - Appropriation for payment of town employees by direct bank credit.

10:30 a.m., Article 97 - Appropriation for public auction of obsolete property in Treasurer's office. 10:45 a.m., Articles 10 and 11 - Change of title and grade of assistant treasurer.

Wed. Feb. 4

8 p.m., Article 40 - Appropriation for rent for Council on Aging programs. 8:15 p.m., Article 39 - Appropriation for town's share of costs of Minuteman Home Care Corporation for the elderly. 8:30 p.m., Article 22 - Appropriation for Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District. 9 p.m., Articles 52 and 53 - Plans and specifications for renovations and additions to Arlington High School.

Sat. Feb. 7

9 a.m., Article 38 - Appropriation for Conservation Commission. 9:15 a.m., Article 81 - Reassessment of recreational assessed land which is not accessible to all citizens.

9:30 a.m., Articles 85 to 88 - Transfer of parcels of tax title land to Park and Recreation Commission. 10 a.m., Article 89 - Land taking of Spring St. land for use of Park and Recreation Commission.

10:15 a.m., Article 44 - Appropriation for Recreation Facilities Capital Improvement Land. 1 p.m., Article 45 - Appropriation for Sunday hours at Robbins Library.

1:15 p.m., Article 104 - Transfer of funds from Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund. 1:45 p.m., Article 16 - 12 percent increase for fire and police personnel.

2 p.m., Article 80 - Appropriation for purchase of police whistles for town citizens. 2:15 p.m., Article 46 - Appropriation for establishment of crime prevention unit. 2:30 p.m., Article 84 - Appropriation for lighting truck for use in firefighting.

Mon. Feb. 9

9:15 a.m., Articles submitted by Selectmen and Town Manager.

Article 43 - Appropriation for Selectmen's Historic Town Meeting Committee. Articles 74 and 75 - Indemnification of municipal officers.

Article 77 - Appropriation for study of town's group health insurance plan. Article 12 - 4 percent general pay increase.

Article 13 - Merit salary increase. Article 20 - Out of state travel.

Article 21 - Appropriation for street lighting program. Article 42 - Appropriation for refurbishing and or redecorating Town Hall.

Articles 94 and 95 - Land taking of parcels on Water St. Articles 90 and 91 - Demolition of buildings on Mass. Ave. and Schouler St.

Article 66 - Disposal of discarded town property. Article 56 - Christmas lighting. Articles 49 and 50 - Establishment of and appropriation for celebrations committee. Article 47 - Restoration of Town Clock.

Articles 98 to 101 - Indemnification of retired firefighters. Article 8 - Amendment of "Dog Officer" by-law.

Thurs. Feb. 12

8 p.m., Article 18 - Appropriation for cost-of-living adjustments of pensions and annuities. Article 69 - Establishment of funded pension and retirement system.

February 12 and 14 have been set aside for any postponed hearings for final deliberations on budgets and warrant articles, and for final recommendations to appear in the report of the Finance Committee to the Town Meeting.

## Robbins Mansion

### Overflow Brings Complaints

Some state Department of Welfare employees, working in rented space in the Robbins Mansion, are unhappy with their working conditions.

They were particularly unhappy last week when a second-floor toilet overflowed

through a lighting fixture and drenched the desk beneath.

This prompted an anonymous call to The Advocate, which employees feel came from a recipient in for an appointment with the Department of Welfare.

Whoever called, plenty of people had things they wanted to say. In addition to the toilet problem, which is recurrent, complaints were voiced about the heat in summer, the cold in winter, missing tiles in the floors, cracked windows that weren't repaired, and slow response from the town on complaint calls.

Rhoda Eberle, Supervisor of Social Services, has worked in the Robbins Mansion for two winters. "Each winter, we spend the first few days without heat. I talked to the oil burner man and he said the problem was that the tank was dirty and full of sludge. We know the town is short of money but it seems like they could do some preventive maintenance."

Maria Raimo, a food stamp clerk, says "It's a beautiful building and I think the town should be willing to put a little more money into it. The storm windows (when we have them) are often not pulled down and there was a cracked window upstairs that wasn't fixed for more than a year."

All the employees agreed that what was needed was a full-time maintenance man. The major problem, they felt, was that only major problems were fixed while little ones were allowed to go unfixed.

Mike Wright, Director of Properties and Natural Resources for the town, felt that the state employees did not have the whole picture.

"To begin with, that oil tank was cleaned from a month to six weeks ago," he said. "We've had no problems with it since then. The state employees aren't treated any differently than the town employees."

"We have 43 buildings in the town, and we send them out as quickly as possible. We have a priority list - if the heat is off somewhere, we're not going to send a man out to fix storm windows first."

"Within the past few years, the Robbins Mansion has been completely repainted, it has a new sprinkler system, a new heat and smoke detection system and a new oil burner."

"Finally, there's no way we can afford a full-time maintenance man for that building. It would cost the town more than \$16,000 per year."



Overflow

Rhoda Eberle, Supervisor of Social Services with the Welfare Department, takes a look at damage caused by plumbing overflow at Robbins Mansion. (Staff Photo by Jody McPhillips)

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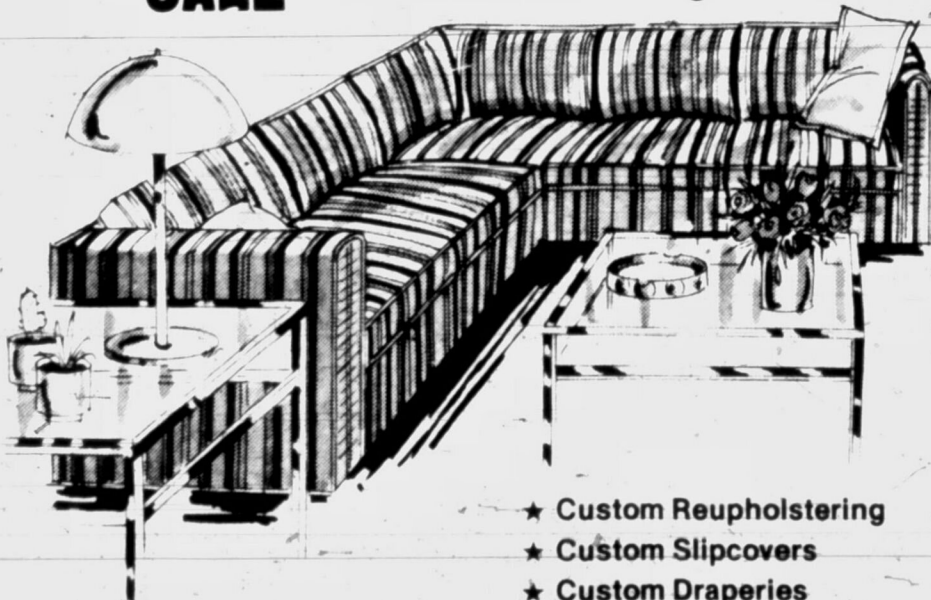
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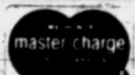
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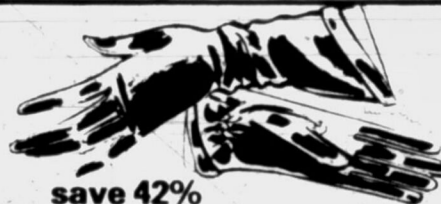
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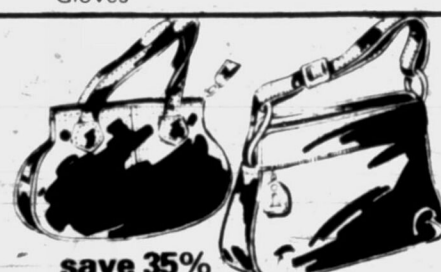
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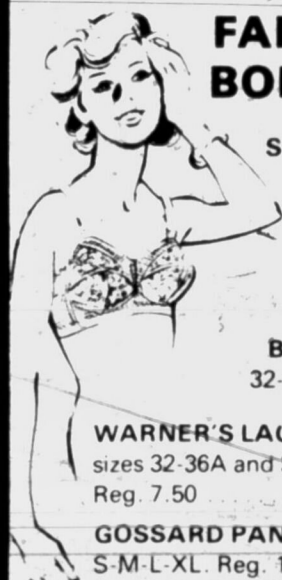
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## Budget, Work Review

# Modern Management Concepts Adopted By Town

The Town of Arlington, as part of its overall effort to improve personnel management, is adopting concepts of modern management practice in its administration through the Town Manager and his department heads.

"Due to the burden placed upon the property tax by unfavorable economic conditions and mandated programs beyond local control, it has become increasingly important to seek ways of improving Arlington's abilities to deliver services more efficiently," says Town Manager Donald Marquis.

In recent months, a performance budget and management-by-objective system was implemented to strengthen the planning and control functions of government.

Under this system, town departments project their budgets by determining the cost of each service they deliver based on the cost of labor and materials. The Goals for these services are outlined according to specific management objectives.

Since 70 per cent of the town-controlled

budgets represent the cost of labor and personal services, efforts are now being made to establish a performance valuation system for town workers based on merit principles and objective criteria. The program will be designed to allow all levels of the work force to be appraised, counseled and instructed on job performance at least once a year in a fair and impartial manner, says the Manager.

At present there is no formal or informal procedure for supervisors to review and assess the performance of their staff.

According to management studies, most employees do not have a clear idea of where they stand with their supervisors. One of the intentions of the employee review and assessment process would be to establish a meaningful dialogue between the two groups.

The employee review program calls for each town worker, including department heads to be reviewed by his or her supervisor. The supervisor will fill out a report indicating the worker's performance and overall competency for the past review period.

The review program also provides for an employee assessment form which will give the employee an opportunity to state what he or she feels has been the level of his performance. In addition, it will provide important feedback to the supervisor about jobs and working conditions which may otherwise be overlooked.

An interview will be scheduled between supervisor and employee. They will review the assessment forms with each other. This increase in communication between both groups is planned to supplement the employee's awareness of his performance in meeting objectives of department heads and will clarify job expectations for both supervisors and employees.

It is hoped that the employee review program will improve employee morale and performance which would ultimately increase the efficiency of town services, making them more responsive and cost effective to the taxpayers of the town, says Marquis.

The mechanics of implementing this program have not been finalized but it is felt that the department head may delegate the responsibility for conducting the review of employees to the specific unit head or supervisors who has ongoing responsibility for the employee's supervision. In larger units, this may be further delegated according to the department's chain of command. The department head will have the right to review the supervisor's assessment.

The employee review program is meant to summarize and record the employee's progress and is not meant to replace ongoing supervision and on-the-job training. An article inserted in the warrant by the town manager would provide a merit pay increase for those employees who have achieved an adequate level of job performance.

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Falling is just as much fun as skating for Menotomy Preschoolers. The class gets to try out the ice at the Veterans' Rink on Summer Street. (Staff Photo by Larry Barton)

## Up 27 Percent

# Minuteman Budget Settled

The Minuteman Regional Vocation Technical School budget has been set at \$3,181,356, a 27 percent increase of \$683,356 over the last budget, as the school prepares to accept another class of students.

Budget agreement was reached with the regional finance committee which got the school committee to agree that the operating budget would be reduced by \$1694 for every student under the 1200 goal not enrolled.

The school had planned to admit 450 ninth graders each year for four years, but with two classes is short by 173, with 727 enrolled.

The school's net capital budget after reimbursements is \$614,765. The amount to be assessed and raised by the towns is \$2,996,121. Arlington currently has the highest enrollment at the 12-town school.

The committee voted to take action by March 16, the committee's meeting date, to reduce the budget by the number of under enrolled. This date was picked because the first of the area town's town meetings which must vote funds for the school is March 22. Arlington's Town Meeting starts April 26.

Supt. Director Ronald J. Fitzgerald expressed concern that in cutting back the budget if the school is under-enrolled, the new occupational competency program under which visiting students come to the school would be hurt.

This federally funded program involves 316 students. Fitzgerald felt they would not know by March 16 if any might like to come to Minuteman full time, and that if staff cuts are made in the budget the occupational competency program would be hurt.

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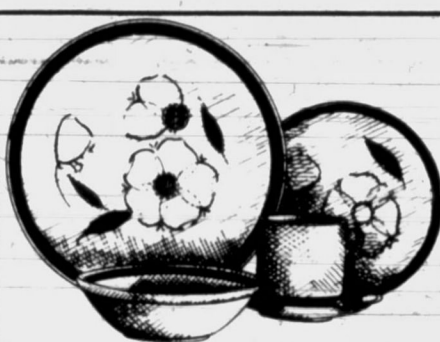
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## Barbara Anderson, Richard Anderson To Marry In June

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kohr of Magnolia announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Kohr Anderson of Lynnfield, to C. Richard Anderson of Arlington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Anderson of Belmont and Gloucester.

Mrs. Anderson, a member of the Mayflower Society and the Old Plymouth Colony Society, is a descendant of Rev. William E. Brewster. She is a 1964 graduate of University of New Hampshire and has taught foreign languages at Stoneham High School, Chapel Hill School and is a substitute teacher at Lynnfield Senior High School.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Buckingham, Browne and Nichols School, Boston University in 1965, and Suffolk University Law School in 1968. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army at the Pentagon and in Seoul, Korea.

He is vice president of the Anderson O'Donnell Insurance Agency and has a private law practice.

A June wedding is planned.

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Mrs. Geller will give five seminar sessions in child nutrition on Tuesdays at Otis Junior High. Any parent of an elementary school child is eligible to participate. There are spaces available in the group.

Mrs. Geller holds a master's degree in Home Economics Education from Framingham State College. She is a senior supervisor in the State Department of Nutrition Education.

To enroll in the seminar, or for further information, call the home economics department at Arlington High School.

## Haley Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Haley Jr. announce the birth of their son, Kevin Shawn, at Winchester Hospital on Jan. 20. They live at 34 Kimball rd.

Kevin is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haley Sr. of Belmont and Mrs. Daniel Houghton of Winthrop.

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Doreen Murphy

## Doreen Murphy Is Engaged To Daniel M. Hart

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred F. Murphy of 77 Warren st. announce the engagement of their daughter, Doreen, to Daniel M. Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Hart of Dorchester.

Miss Murphy is a 1972 graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and a 1975 graduate of Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Medford where she is employed as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit.

Her fiancé is a legislative aide at the State House and is a part time student at Boston University.

No wedding date has been set.

## Bishop School PTO

## Dinner Auction Friday

The Bishop School PTO will hold a Evening of Elegant Dining and Auction at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday evening. Plans and arrangements are being made by Mrs. Louise Kitayama and her committee. Cocktails will be served at 7, with auction to follow dinner. A wide variety of service items has been donated to the committee for auction. Auctioneering will be in the hands of Bruce Newell.

## Sullivan Girl

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sullivan of 11 Winter st. announce the birth of their sixth child and fourth daughter, Kimberly Joan Sullivan, Jan. 5 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. William J. Granara of Belmont and Mrs. Ethel Sullivan of Somerville.

## At Town Hall

## Folk Dancing Saturday

The International Folk Dancing Night sponsored by Arlington Youth Visit Exchange Program, Inc., this Saturday at Town Hall at 8 will be a chance for all ages to dance to the music of many countries.

The Taylors, well-known folk dance leaders in the Boston area, are expert at giving instructions even the most hesitant will find easy to follow. They are experienced in

teaching a wide repertoire of dances from Israel and Serbia to Germany, France and Poland.

Arlington Youth Visit Exchange Program, Inc. invites young and old to attend this evening of exciting participation in folk dances from around the world. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Refreshments will be served.

## Denise O'Keefe Engaged To Wed Stephan Zalewski

Mr. and Mrs. John F. O'Keefe of 45 Webster st. and Center Ossipee, N.H., announce the engagement of their daughter Denise J. to Stephan C. Zalewski, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephan C. Zalewski of Westport.

Miss O'Keefe graduated from Arlington Catholic High School and Mt. Auburn Hospital School of Nursing. Her fiancé graduated from Xavierian Brothers High School in Westwood and Wentworth Institute. He also attended Northeastern University.

No wedding date has been set.

## Hanafin First Child

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Barbara Hanafin of Malden announce the birth of their first child, Amy, on Jan. 21 at Winchester Hospital. Amy is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Savage and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Hanafin, all of Arlington.

## Ingram Third Child

Kevin George Ingram was born Jan. 21 at Winchester Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ingram of 118 Gardner st. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Greco of West Medford and John Ingram of Arlington.

## Cormier First Son

Stephen Edward Cormier was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cormier of 25 Claremont ave. Jan. 7 at Winchester Hospital. Stephen is their third child and first boy. New grandparents are Mrs. Otta Henrikson of Arlington and Edward Cormier of Randolph.



Joyce MacPhee & Richard Longmire

## Joyce MacPhee Is Engaged To Richard Longmire

On Christmas Eve Joyce F. MacPhee, daughter of Margaret L. MacPhee and the late Kenneth J. MacPhee, became engaged to Richard A. Longmire, son of Richard O. Longmire of Belmont, formerly of Arlington.

Miss MacPhee is a graduate of Arlington High School and is employed by New England Telephone Co. Her fiancé is a graduate of Belmont High School and Suffolk University.

A September wedding is planned.

## Hall Baby Boy

Jason Michael Hall was born on Christmas Eve at Symmes Hospital. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Karen Hall of 147 Park ave. His grandparents are Mrs. Mary Solly of Toledo, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hall of Richmond, Ind.

## Karen Ann Beckwith Marries Michael Sullivan At St. Agnes'

St. Agnes' Church was the setting for the Nov. 7 marriage of Karen Ann Beckwith and W. Michael Sullivan.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie F. Beckwith of 15 Ivy circ. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sullivan of 3 Ottawa rd.

The evening ceremony was performed by Fr. O'Brien and followed by a reception at the Colonial Country Club, Wakefield.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an off-white chiffon gown with

bodice of pearl and rose appliques, long chiffon train and a hood headpiece of matching pearl and rose appliques. She carries a cascade of red and white roses.

Gale Beckwith of 15 Ivy circ. was maid of honor. She wore a gown of turquoise heavy jersey with princess collar and off-white appliques.

Similarly gowned in green were bridesmaid Sharon Cormier, 29 Cleveland st.; Maura and Joyce Sullivan, 3 Ottawa rd.; Rita Brennan, 140 Decatur st.; and Linda Colozzi, 86 Highland ave.

Kevin Sullivan of 3 Ottawa rd. was best man. Ushers were Leslie Beckwith of 15 Ivy circ.; Robert Beckwith of 15 Ivy circ.; Sean Sullivan of 3 Ottawa rd.; Girard McGovern of 107 Milton st.; William Hill of 12 Cleveland st.; and David Simons of Arlington.

Ring bearers were Brian Beckwith of 15 Ivy circ. and Brendan Sullivan of 3 Ottawa rd.

The couple went to Bermuda on their honeymoon and now make their home in Somerville.

Mrs. Sullivan attended Arlington High and Mass. Bay Community College. Her husband attended Arlington Technical and Vocational School and East Coast Aero Tech, and is an electrician.

## Peters Baby Boy

Gabriel Peters was born January 2 at Beth Israel Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Mary Peters of 26 Swan pl.

Gabriel's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Dorothy Peters of Somerville and Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Dorothy Hill of Port Orange, Fla.

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## Christine Mallon Weds William Bauer



Mrs. William Frederick Bauer III

Christine Mallon and William Frederick Bauer III were married recently at Loyola College Chapel, Baltimore, Md. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Timothy Mann.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Mallon Jr. of Lutherville, Md., formerly of Arlington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bauer Jr. of Towson, Md.

Mary Jane Mallon was her sister's maid of honor. Linda Bauer, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, Amber Leigh Flanagan of Avon, Conn., niece of the bride, and Deborah Marie Enegess of Broad Brook, Conn., cousin of the bride, were flower girls.

The bride and flower girls are granddaughter and great-granddaughters respectively of Mrs. Joseph A. McCarthy and the late Mr. McCarthy of 50 Kensington pk.

Mrs. Bauer attended University of Maryland and has a BS degree from Towson State College and has done graduate work at Loyola College. Her husband has a BA degree from University of Maryland and an MA from American University. He is a graduate student at Washington University.

The couple makes their home in Baltimore, Md.



Phyllis Ann Keplin

## Phyllis Keplin, Malcolm Hodge Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Keplin of 31 Lorraine terr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Ann, to Malcolm Mathew Hodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm A. Hodge of 37 Old Colony rd.

Miss Keplin graduated from Arlington High School in 1975 and is majoring in computers at Bentley College.

Her fiancé is a 1974 graduate of Arlington High School and is majoring in criminal justice at Northeastern University.

No wedding date has been set.

## Instructor From Old Schwamb Mill Is in Exhibition

The historic Old Schwamb Mill, 17 Mill lane, announces an exhibition of portraits and still lifes by Mill instructor Sara Sue Pennell at the rental gallery of the Cambridge Art Association through Feb. 11. Ms. Pennell has exhibited locally and won awards at the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society and the Cambridge Art Association.

Winter classes at the Old Schwamb Mill are just beginning. Registration for spring classes opens Feb. 14. The Mill, including its new shop featuring antique and contemporary art and crafts, is open from 9 to 4, Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Take your paper for the Paper Parks Program to the truck at Town Yard any time, any day. Proceeds from the recycled paper will go to park equipment.



Printing up tickets and posters for the Junior High East Evening of Theatre on Feb. 5 are Sharon Curry, Lisa Battaglia, Mark Harney, Pat Frano and teacher Mrs. Bichisechli.

## 2 Shows Thursday Evening Of Theater At East

Students at East Junior High School are busily preparing for their first evening theatre offering on Feb. 5 at the East Cafetorium. The curtain time is 6:30 and features two different types of entertainment.

First, the 8-B Cluster will present their array of theatre games and exercises with audience involvement. The show has toured the elementary schools, been performed for the entire East student population, presented in Brockton for the Plymouth County Teachers Convention and been invited to Billerica as part of the Massachusetts Junior High School Theatre Guild.

The cast includes Jay Bradley, Sharon Curry, Louis Dickey, Mike Driscoll, Jim Dunkerley, Shawn Hunter, John Kelley, Dave Lambertson, John Sheehan, Dave Wilson, Steve Moden, Matt Hatch and Richard

Ganghi.

The second half of the program will feature the 8-C Cluster who will perform their one act play "Final Dress Rehearsal" which was so well received in two performances at the East. Featured are Mark Harney, Debby Zahka, Karen Collins, Laura Akerley, Lisa Battaglia, Jane Biagioni, Laura Desmond, Jack Duggan, Joe Galeotalanza, Pat Frano, Ken Harding, and Cathy Mahon.

Since so many junior high and elementary school youngsters have already seen the productions, the evening is geared toward the adult and high school segment of the community.

Call the Junior High East where a ticket may be reserved. There will be limited seating.

## Service Increases

### FISH-Volunteers To Help

During the past year FISH (Friendly Immediate Sympathetic Help) gave assistance 423 times.

This record reflects an increase in aid from the volunteer group of 30 percent over the past year, according to statistician Nancy Crasco.

Local rides accounted for 311 of the calls received by FISH. Transportation requests to hospitals and doctors in Boston were provided for 82 residents.

In addition, eight meals were provided, 12 shopping requests met, three emergency babysitters were provided, companionship

was provided in three cases and three times 24-hour sitters were provided for overdose cases at Symmes Hospital.

Twelve requests for information were filled and 16 requests were referred to other agencies.

However, FISH was unable to fill 57 requests for help, usually because volunteers were not available.

FISH is comprised of 150 volunteers from Arlington who donate at least one day a month to help other residents.

If anyone would like to become a FISH volunteer or needs help, call 646-6008.

## Boyle Baby Girl

Alyssa Kerry Boyle was born Dec. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyle of 170 Washington st. at Mt. Auburn Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph DePari of 12 Seminole ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyle of 5 Richfield rd.

## Enos Baby Girl

Victoria Marie Enos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John and Kathryn Enos of 48 Magnolia st., was born Jan. 15 at Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Enos of 38 Golden ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Proietti of Quincy.

## Arena First Girl

Tracy Jean Arena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arena of Billerica, was born Jan. 16 at Winchester Hospital. Tracy's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Arena and Mrs. William Elliott, all of Arlington.

## Alewife Task Force

A meeting of the Alewife Task Force will be held Monday night at 7 at 54 Rindge ave. extension, Cambridge. The kind of park development to be done in conjunction with the extension of the MBTA will be discussed. The public is invited.

## Women's Center Sets Program Feb. 11 On Birth Control Methods

The Arlington Women's Center will present a program entitled "Understanding Birth Control" on Wednesday evening, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., at 15 Lombard rd.

Presenting the program will be Mrs. Barbara Tosti, Health Educator, who is completing her Master's Degree in Health Education at Boston University this semester.

The program will start with a presentation about each birth control method which will be followed by general discussion and questions. The presentation will include how and why each method works, its effectiveness, its advantages and its disadvantages.

All Arlington Women's Center programs are open to everyone and free of charge. For further information call Sarita Jacobson, 9 Court st. pl., or Barbara Tosti, 38 Teel st.

## Open House Sunday For New Tenants In Elderly Housing

Open house will be held this Sunday for tenants and their families at the new elderly housing building which is opening in Arlington Heights.

The open house will begin at 2 p.m. In case of snow it will be held the following Sunday. A general open house and dedication of the building in the name of past Executive Director Robert Hauser will be scheduled later.

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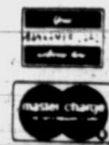
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## Youth Hockey

### Squirt AA Team Rolls To A 9-0 Victory

The Arlington-Menotomy Squirt AA hockey team blanked Dedham over the weekend at the Boston rink by 9-0 score.

Center iceman Scott Jones paced all Arlington scorers with three goals, while left winger Mike Paynter and center Jerry Shea had two goals each. Single goals were registered by John Messuri and Joe Mayo.

Left winger Gregg Malatesta was credited with three assists, setting up the hat trick by Jones.

Single assists went to Chris Doyon, Joe Mayo, John Messuri, Gerry Cronin, Gerry Cronin, Joe Flaherty, Jerry Shea, Pat Crowley and Mike Paynter.

Steve Lincoln, Joe Manfredonia and Ed Coughlin played well on defense.

Charley Lombardi and Rich Femia did a fine job of checking in the corners and on the blue line.

### Pee Wee AA Sextet

#### Wins Three Shutouts

Sparked by goalie Mike McDonald, the Arlington-Menotomy Pee Wee AA team has moved into contention in the Greater Boston League race with consecutive shutouts over Needham 2-0, Norwood 4-0 and Dedham 6-0.

Fourth-place Arlington now trails league-leading Needham by three points, second-place Wellesley by two points and third-place Natick by a single point.

Games against Natick and Wellesley this weekend will be crucial to Arlington's title hopes.

McDonald has been supported by the strong defensive work of Capt. Garr Talanian, Paul Carroll, Eastman and Cutone.

The line of Dan Kelly, Greg Cronin and Dan Burke is the second highest scoring unit in the league.

The line of Tom Griffin, John Crowley and Jerry Crobett has

played strong hockey and contributed a number of key goals.

Corbett and Griffin have also been very effective as penalty killers.

The line of Dave Moran, Gary Brown and Paul Nocivelli has shown improvement with each game and forms a fine checking unit.

Elmo Albertelli has also contributed some key goals for the Arlington cause including two last Saturday.

During the recent St. John New Brunswick Tourney the Pee Wee's played outstanding hockey in beating Sherwood-Parkdale, P.E.I., and Dalhousie, New Brunswick, while losing to Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Needham.

The Arlington team faces Natick at Belmont Hill, Friday, at 6:45 p.m.

### Goals For Mayo

Joe Mayo with four consecutive goals, a pure hat trick plus one and an assist sparked the Arlington-Menotomy Squirt AA team to a 10-1 win over Norwood in recent action.

Jerry Shea had two goals and two assists, Scott Jones added another pair and single goals were registered by John Messuri and Greg Malatesta. Gard Cronin and Pat Crowley each had three assists, while Joe Manfredonia had two assists.

Single assists were credited to Charley Lombardi, Rich Femia and Greg Malatesta. Mike Paynter and Joe Flaherty played well in the corners and Steve Lincoln, Chris Doyon and Ed Coughlin played strong games on defense.

### Scout Troop 313

#### Planning A Dance

The Troop 313 Committee will hold a fund-raising dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 7 at St. James School Hall.

The dance will raise money for backpacking equipment and is the only fund-raiser planned for Troop 313 this year. The dance is for adults only. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by contacting Gene Cancelliere or Bob Marcotte.

### Pyle In Play

Eric Pyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Pyle of 9 Windermere pk., will perform in the Cambridge School's production of Jean Giraudoux's "Electra" tonight and tomorrow night at the school in Weston. Pyle is a sophomore at the Cambridge School.

The play begins at 8 p.m. and donations will be accepted at the door to help defray expenses.

### State To Offer Evening Classes

The Bureau of Adult Services of the Massachusetts Department of Education will open its spring term Feb. 2 with 70 evening classes. The complete schedule includes high school equivalency preparation, job advancement courses, preparation for state licensing and personal self-improvement subjects.

Most courses are offered at either Sever Hall, Harvard or MIT. Classes are taught by Greater Boston high school teachers and business or technical specialists with a background in adult education.

Adults may enroll by mail or in person at the Bureau of Adult Services, Massachusetts Department of Education, 182 Tremont st., Boston, 02111 during the day. Catalogs are available by phoning 727-5784. Students may also enroll at the class locations on the first three meetings of the class.

### Russell Society

#### Makes Its Plans

If the snow holds up, the Jason Russell Society, Children of the American Revolution, will have a snow party on Feb. 7.

The January meeting of the Society, at the Adamson home, also voted to have a float in the Patriots' Day Parade, and to hold a car wash later in the spring.

The Society will also contribute to the three mountain schools and two Indian schools partially sponsored by the Children of the American Revolution, as well as to Operation Patriot.

## Board Votes For Private Students

The School Committee 4-3 acted favorably on a motion by Charles Lyons that learning disability and speech therapy services be given to private school students living in Arlington in public schools at the public school department expense, with transportation to those schools provided by the parents.

The action to appropriate \$17,000 to provide for these special needs students came after parents from St. Agnes School asked the

School Committee last week how it would implement Ch. 766 special needs legislation as it applies to private school students.

Dr. Jerry Trow, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, told the committee that as much as three percent of the private school population could need special services, and this cost could run from \$35,000-\$40,000.

The committee also heard that public school students are not now accommodated in special needs programs because of budget restrictions.

Reading director Joan Duffy said 15 children in the intermediate learning disability program are on a waiting list, while 17 are waiting to be serviced at Ottoson and seven or eight at the high school, with three to seven waiting at each elementary school.

Parents of some of the public school special needs children expressed their concern to the School Committee that expansion of the services to non-enrolled students would curtail the public school program.

They were assured that this is not the intent, but Dr. Trow said that if the needs exceeded the budget either services would be limited or the School Committee would have to seek additional funding from the Finance Committee.

The \$17,000 voted for private school students Trow called "extremely minimal" based on students known now. In the past week four more private students have asked for evaluation.

School Committee member Alex Wilson called the special education budget, estimated about \$2 million, a mystery and said the committee must get a handle on it. The measure passed with Wilson, Lyons, O'Brien and Carey in favor; Buckley, Klein and Cremens opposed; Stein and Kraus absent.

Ann Klein gave notice that in two weeks she will bring a policy before the committee for consideration against the use of public funds for private student school students.

## E. Arl. Residents To Hear O'Neill On Town Finances

The East Arlington Residents Association will hold its first general meeting of 1976 on Thursday evening, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. at the Edith Fox library.

The guest speaker will be Bob O'Neill, Finance Committee Chairman. O'Neill will speak on current financial issues concerning the taxpayer, and will offer some insight into the rumored major tax increase facing the taxpayer this year.

O'Neill will also discuss other financial conditions such as the proposed school budget which was the subject of an Advocate article last week. This meeting is open to all concerned people.

### Approve Funds

Selectmen have approved funds for membership in state organizations.

The Board approved the expenditure of \$2,374 for membership in the League of Cities and Towns and \$780 for membership in the Mass. Selectmen's Association.

The Selectmen also approved the payment of \$237 for the Home Rule Legal Defense Fund for the League of Cities and Towns and \$200 to the Middlesex County Advisory Board.

## Town Hall Roundup

### Eight Candidates

The number of candidates who have taken out papers for major office was still at eight early this week.

Four candidates have taken out papers for two, three-year seats on the Board of Selectmen. These include Edward T. Downey, Jr., 29 Bates rd.; Robert Murray, 73 Beacon st.; Margaret H. Spengler, 189 Jason st. and Judith A. Quimby, 12 Egerton rd.

William O. Hauser, Jr., 29 Oxford st., has taken out papers for the three-year term on the Board of Assessors and Frederick R. Buckley, Jr., 38 Pine st., has taken out papers for the five-year term on the Housing Authority.

William Kenneth Wanamaker, 22 Edmund rd. and William J. O'Brien Jr., 11 Mystic View terr., have taken out papers for three-year terms on the School Committee. Three members will be elected.

### Meet At Ottoson

Selectmen will hold their second away from Town Hall meeting Monday night beginning at 7:15 p.m.

During the first 45 minutes of the session general business will be discussed. From 8 to approximately 10 p.m., members of the Board will answer questions from the floor, and then, if necessary, will complete any unfinished business.

### Concern With Cars

Director of Public Works Raymond Ouellette is concerned with the way motor vehicles are parked along Arlington streets, particularly during periods when snow removal is taking place.

In a recent communication to Director of Police services John Carroll Ouellette urged that police sector cars tag whenever there are cars hanging over sidewalk and causing workers for the Public Works to go out into the street.

### Not a Candidate

Selectman George Rugg will not be a candidate for re-election in April.

Rugg told those present at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen Monday night that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the Board nor will he be a candidate for re-election as a Town Meeting Member.

### Undertake Study

Town Manager Donald R. Marquis told Selectmen Monday night that a study will be made of the Community Safety Department. He noted that the study will be the result of the town joining an organization known as Public Technology, Inc.

Arlington's subscription to P.T.I. will be \$4,500 annually, according to Marquis. The organization receives funds through grants, subscriptions, etc.

The study will be made in effort to improve the services of the department.

### Appointment

Ferdinand Lucarelli has been appointed to the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for the term expiring Jan. 19, 1979. The appointment by Town Manager Donald R. Marquis was approved by the Board of Selectmen.

### Under Advisement

Selectmen have taken under advisement an application for a garage license at 334 Mass. ave.

### Licensed Approved

The application for a license from the Hospital, Transportation Service for the operation of motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire along the Concord Turnpike, Rte., between the Arlington-Lexington line and the Arlington-Cambridge line has been approved by Selectmen.

There will be no pick-up or discharge of passengers or packages along the route.

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